CHAPTER 222:

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY

SOME STRANGE NEWSPAPERS ARE BEING DELIVERED TO ME AND IT BOTHERS ME. PLEASE HELP.
STRANGE NEWS-PAPERS...?

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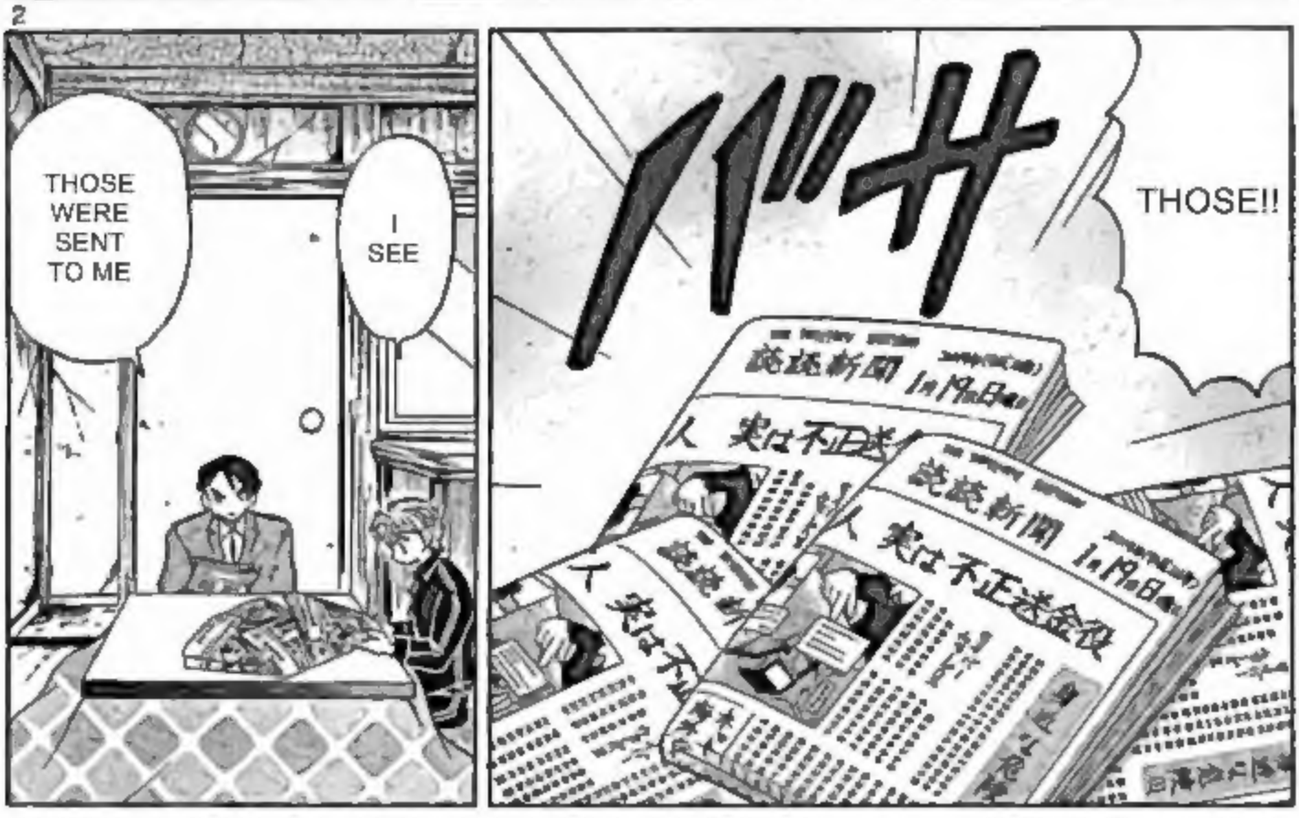
THOSE WERE SENT TO ME
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THOSE!!

FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS, EVERY SINGLE MORNING, DIRECTLY IN MY ROOM...
SECOND YEAR, CLASS TWO, MIDZUTA HAYATO
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IT'S LIKE THEY'RE BEING THROWN AT ME...
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NO.
DOES ANYTHING COME TO MIND?
JA-NUA-RY 19.
ALL THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE THE SAME DATE.

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THE NEWSPAPERS BEGAN TO BE DELIVERED ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 19... THAT'S ALL...
IF I MUST SAY...

THE QUESTION IS WHO IS DELIVERING THOSE
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT IT. THIS IS A NORMAL NEWSPAPER.

THE CLIENT, MIDZUTA'S HOUSE
THE FASTEST WAY TO FIND OUT IS TO ASK HIM PERSONALLY!

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THE GHOSTS COLORED WITH THE GHOST PAINTBALL BECOME VISIBLE TO ORDINARY PEOPLE TOO
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TSK, IT ONLY BRUSHED PAST HIM!
JUST HIS FEET!?

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HE'S FAST!
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I LACK STAMINA ...
SO, HE RAN AWAY?

THERE'S SOMETHING HE WANTS TO CONVEY, RIGHT?
IF A GHOST IS DELIVERING NEWSPAPERS IT MEANS THAT HE WANTS HIM TO READ THEM
SO WHAT HE'D WANT TO CONVEY IS PERHAPS AN ADVICE OR A WARNING
I DIDN'T FEEL EVEN THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF MALICE COMING FROM THE GHOST,
YEAH.
HE HAS WOKEN HIM UP BY THROWING A NEWSPAPER AGAINST HIS FACE BEFORE
THIS? HOW TO WAKE UP FEELING REFRESHED IN THE MORNING...
HE DELI-VERED THE NEWSPAPERS ON PURPOSE?
THE SYM-PTOMS OF THE PRE-VALENCE OF AN IN-FLUENZA
IT'S THIS, ISN'T IT?
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IF WE AT LEAST KNEW HIS TRUE IDENTITY...
THERE'RE NOT ENOUGH HINTS
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THE GHOSTS GAIN A PHYSICAL BODY BY WEARING THE HAORI OF THE UNDERWORLD INSIDE OUT
AN OPE-NING!
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DO YOU RECOGNISE THIS OLD MAN?
... WITH THAT SAID, MIDZUTA-SENPAI,
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GREAT-GRAND-PA!?
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I JUST WENT TO HIS FUNERAL
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR, AT THE AGE OF 96, HE HAD A PEACEFUL DEATH
GREAT-GRAND-FATHER

NOW, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO TELL HIM, PLEASE DO SO IN PERSON
WHY DID YOU DELIVER NEWSPAPERS TO THAT PERSON?

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WAIT
I'M GLAD
WITH THIS, IT'S SETTLED

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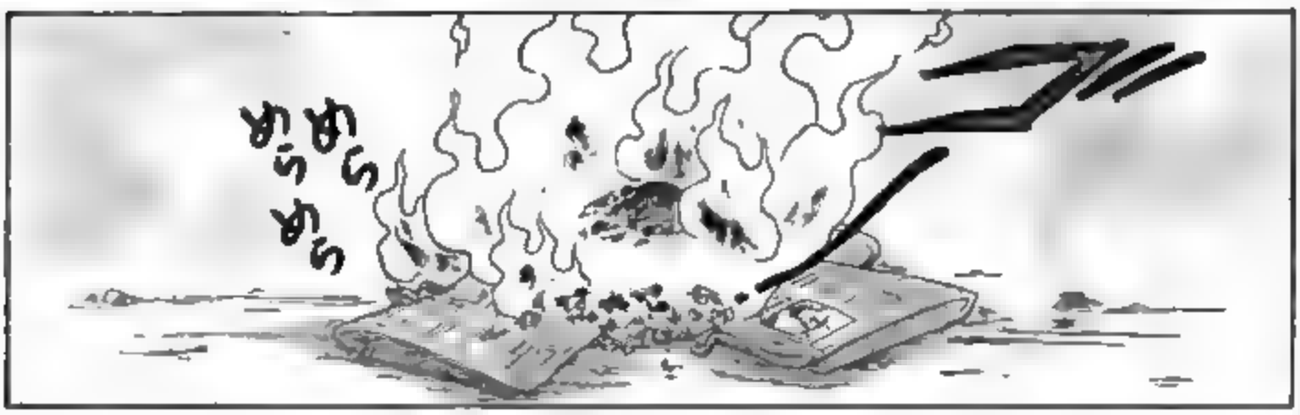
THEN IT'S EASY
COMPRE-HENDING DIALECTS IS OUTSIDE MY AREA OF EXPERTISE
EVEN ME, HIS GREAT-GRANDSON, HAS NO IDEA AS TO WHAT HE SAYS
MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER IS FROM KYUSHU AND HE HAS A THICK ACCENT

THAT'S IT
IF HE POINTS AT THE ARTICLE HE WANTS YOU TO NOTICE THEN THIS WILL BE SOLVED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AH, RINNE SAMA
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

THE FIRE IS GOING OUT AGAIN
LET'S BURN MORE

WHA !?

RENGE SAMA SAID THAT SHE WILL SHARE THE ROASTED SWEET POTATOES

ALL THE NEWSPAPERS THAT WERE CLUES
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JUST ONCE IN A WHILE
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RENGE . SHE'S A SURPRISINGLY GOOD PERSON
SETTLE IT TODAY!
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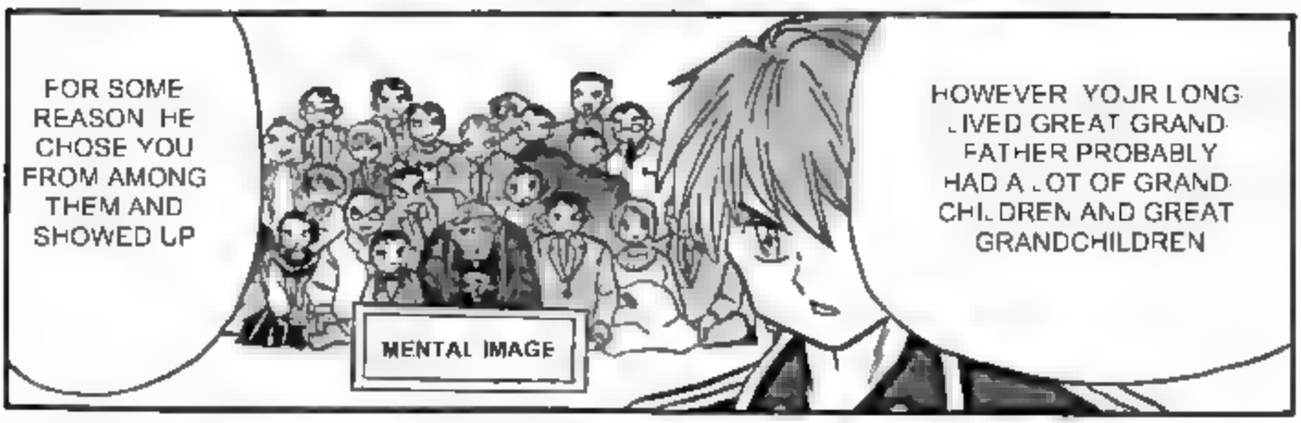
PLEASE DELIVER THEM TOMORROW MORNING TOO
I COULDN'T SEE HIM SO OFTEN
I LIVED FAR AWAY
NO
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GREAT-GRAND-FATHER ?
MIDZUTA SENPAI, DON'T YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING?
WRONG !?
YOU WANTED TO MEET HIM MORE FREQUENTLY?

NOW THAT YOU MENT ON T I HATE TO ADMIT IT BUT YES YOU'RE RIGHT
SO HE SURELY WASN'T ESPECIALLY AFFECTIONATE TO YOU, RIGHT ?


FOR SOME REASON HE CHOSE YOU FROM AMONG THEM AND SHOWED UP
MENTAL IMAGE
HOWEVER YOUR LONG-LIVED GREAT GRAND-FATHER PROBABLY HAD A LOT OF GRAND-CHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

H-M EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT
PLEASE REMEMBER
THERE MUST BE SOME THING

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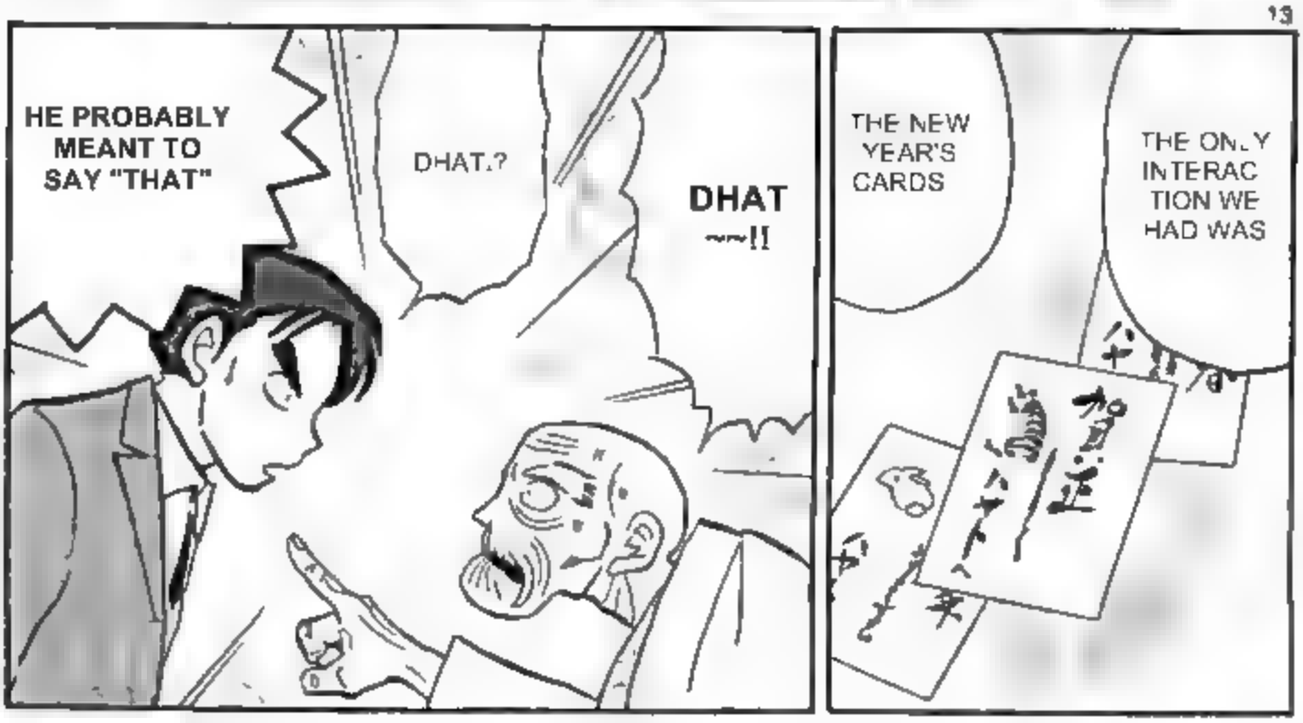
HE PROBABLY MEANT TO SAY "THAT"
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THE NEW YEAR'S CARDS
THE ONLY INTERACTION WE HAD WAS

YES FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER I HAD BEEN RECEIVING NEW YEAR'S CARDS FROM MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER
HAYATO,
IT'S FROM GREAT GRANDPA
WITHOUT FAILING TO DO SO EVEN ONCE

*HAPPY NEW YEAR GREAT-GRANDPA

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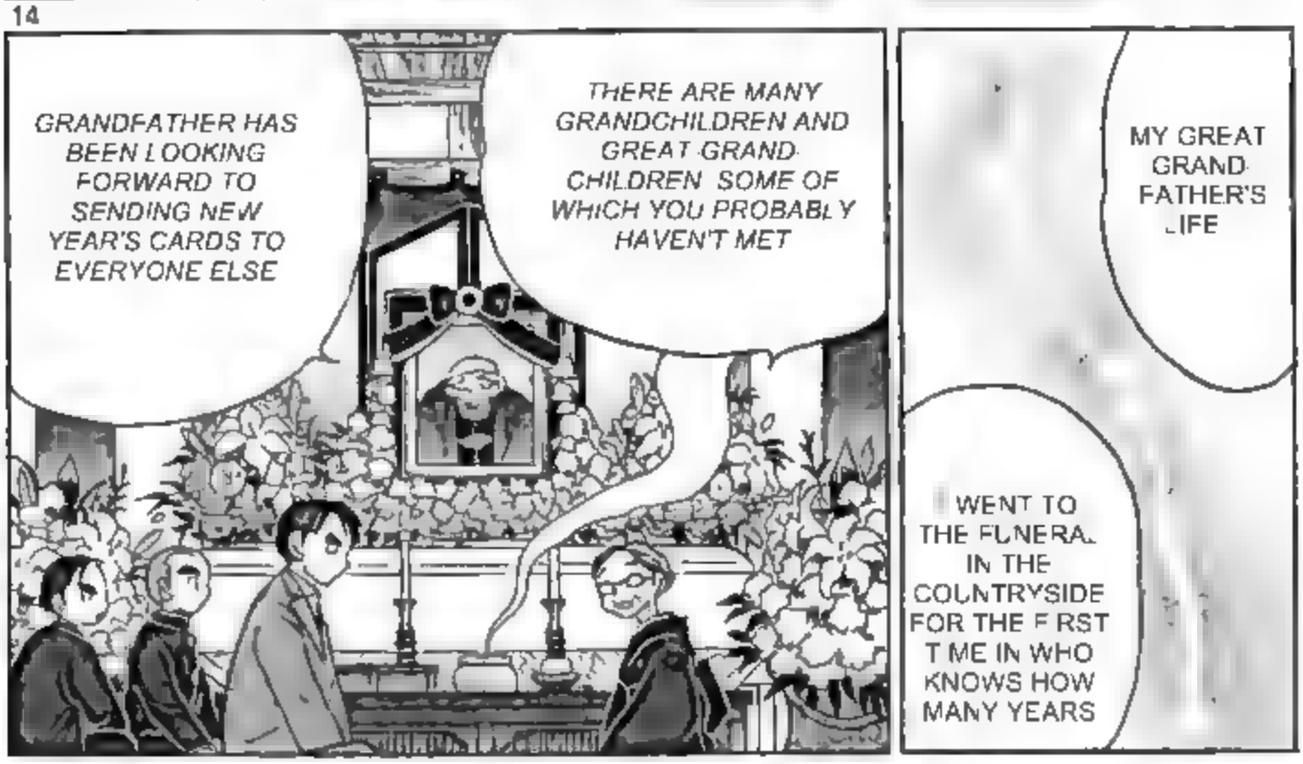
MY GREAT GRAND-FATHER'S LIFE
I WENT TO THE FUNERAL IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WHO KNOWS HOW MANY YEARS
THERE ARE MANY GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRAND-CHILDREN SOME OF WHICH YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T MET
GRANDFATHER HAS BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO SENDING NEW YEAR'S CARDS TO EVERYONE ELSE

AT THE END OF THE YEAR HE WAS STILL HEALTHY
AND HE WAS WRITING TO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM
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THAT'S THE LAST NEW YEAR'S CARD ...?

THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING
I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T SEND YOU A NEW YEAR'S CARD
GREAT-GRANDPA ...
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LOOKS PRETTY GOOD, DOESN'T IT!? AT THIS RATE, HE'LL PASS ON...
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WHAT ABOUT THE NEWS-PAPERS!?

I GUESS THE NEWSPAPERS WON'T MATTER ANYMORE!?
WELL... IF HE CAN PASS ON LIKE THIS...
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HE DROPPED THE BALL ...?
...HE THREW IT DOWN ...?
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HE STRUCK THE BALL ...?

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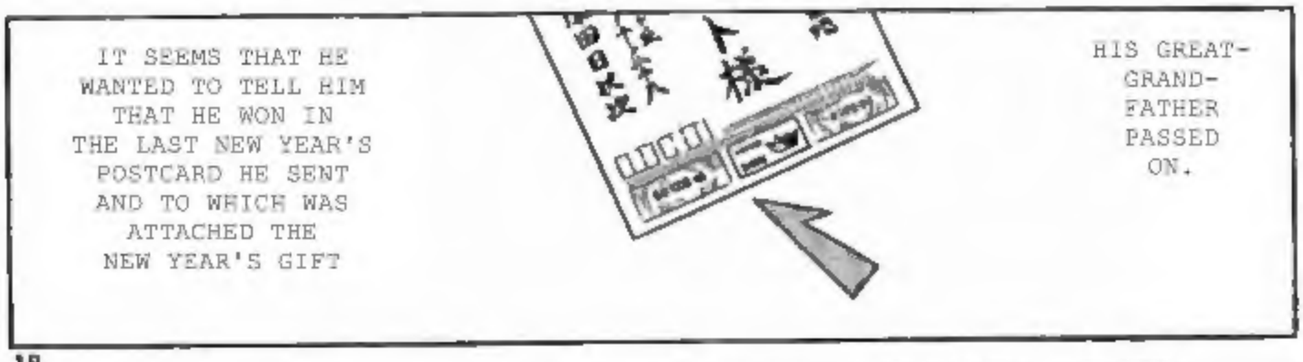
IS IT A NEW YEAR'S GIFT ... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?


IT SEEMS THAT HE WANTED TO TELL HIM THAT HE WON IN THE LAST NEW YEAR'S POSTCARD HE SENT AND TO WHICH WAS ATTACHED THE NEW YEAR'S GIFT
HIS GREAT-GRAND-FATHER PASSED ON.

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I'M ENVIOUS ...
I WON THE HOMETOWN PACKAGE
I'VE LOOKED IT UP ON THE INTERNET.
IN SHORT, HE WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT IN THE NEWSPAPER FROM JANUARY 19 WERE ANNOUNCED THE WINNING NUMBERS...
WEREN'T THERE OTHER WAYS TO INFORM YOU OF THIS?